



Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday June 23, 2014, 2014

Approved Minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George 'Andy' Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver,
Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:30

ROLL CALL

Present: M. Petersen, A. Anderson, P. Salvatore, S. Garver, E. Thomas
Absent: R. McQuiston,
Staff: Dennis Speer, Chief Strand R., K. Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Motion To Approve Agenda Was Made By Mr. Salvatore, Seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Motion To Approve Minutes of May 12, 2014, Was Made By Mr. Salvatore Seconded by Mr. Andersen Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.*

Eddie Thomas came in at 5:35 after agenda and minutes were approved

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- **Public Comment opened at 5:33**
Stan Ratorja would like to see a 20 MSRL report on a more regular basis and I have not seen one yet. I would hope that in the near future the committee would be able to get these reports on a more frequent basis.
Mike Neel – appreciate all that the committee does for the citizens and feels that the citizens also appreciate all the information that they are getting.
- **Public comment closed at 5:35**

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Review Measure L Revenues & Expenditures for FY 13 & 14 (Actuals and Planned)
Most Recent 20 MSRL Report – Karen Harker does not have the report at this time and only has a summary of the Revenue and Expenditures. The Finance will provide this information as soon as they have it. The Revenue and Expenditure Report only includes up until March 2013 or the 3rd quarter. Karen Harker informed the Committee Members that Tess Sloan and she had been working on creating another project code for the Gas Tax Fund. This Code ML4ST will be assigned to the Gas Tax Fund so that any items

that are assigned this code can now be tracked in the Gas Tax Fund. 20 MSRL will be used for the General fund and ML4ST will be used for Gas Tax Fund. Several Members of the Committee were alarmed by the use of a new code and were concerned that it was going to make it difficult to track another code. Ms. Harker tried to reassure them that this would make it easier for the Committee to see what was being spent in the Gas Tax Fund which is what the Committee wanted to begin with. Scott Garver asked Chief if this only has salary and will it not have the capital outlay. The Capital Outlay is 1.25 Million and Chief is working with Rachelle to see how it all comes around in the end.

Public Comment

Stan Ratorja – He was disappointed that there was not for more detail in the report. In Capital outlay and feels that people would like to see what they are looking at He thought that there was 2.5 million so he's not sure what he's looking at. He just expected more. Mr. Ratorja was informed by the Chair that this report did only go through the 3rd Quarter and that instead of seeing just the Original Budget of 1.8 Million the adjusted

Mike Neel - It is still showing that there is a larger percentage going to Public Safety then going to the Streets Department.

Updated expenditure plots from MLCOC FY 12-13 report – did not update plot by the Michael Petersen

Planned Expenditures for 4th Quarter FY 13-14

Karen Harker explained Pages 14 & 15 in the Agenda. One was a spreadsheet that showed all of the Programmed Projects that were allocated by Measure L Funding for the FY 13-14. The money that was allocated was match money to help offset the costs the City incurs when doing Federal Programmed Projects. The second sheet showed the Committee what items would be shown in the Gas Tax Fund under the new project code ML4ST. In that list was the Micropaved Street of Las Flores Avenue from S. China Lake Boulevard to Norma Avenue. Also there were supplies that helped with the Micro Surfacing of six streets that were done in May. Mr. Speer indicated to the committee that by having the Street Department work with the contractor to prep the streets beforehand, the savings are about the cost of one street of Micro Surfacing.

Public Comment

None

Review Measure L Contributions to FY 14-15 Budget

Finance Department's Budgetary Planning Spreadsheet (removing individual salaries and other privacy information - Karen Harker presented to the committee the Approved Budget that the city council adopted on June 4, 2014. In that document it showed the allocated budget amounts of Measure L funding for the Public Safety, Gas Tax Fund and Engineering.

Public Comment

Mike Neel – it is estimated that we will bring in 2.5 million for the fiscal year for 14/15. Mr. Speer indicated that that was the estimate.

The Committee discussed what the years have brought in over the last two years. Mr. Neel then made the observation that the Street Department is still only receiving less than one third. Mr. Speer indicated that this fiscal year the Gas Tax Fund would see an increase.

Update MLCOC Record of Street Paving Efforts (Total Cost and Measure L Contribution)

Review again page 14. As the committee reviewed it in more detailed more questions were raised about the current streets that were being paved with Measure L Funding and the proportional contribution that was identified. Mr. Garver was concerned that the column that was headed "state/local" and the column that was headed "Measure L Funding" were not adding up correctly. The committee and Ms. Harker discussed what "state/local" meant and that it was the 11.47% matching fund that the city is required to contribute to Federal Projects. Many of the committee members and the public were confused by the spreadsheet and the headings and it was suggested that Ms. Harker go back and re-evaluate the headings and numbers in the spreadsheet and bring it back to the committee at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Mike Neel – Mr. Neel asked Ms. Harker why it states that Las Flores Avenue was funded by Measure L money at 100% but there is a sign that states it was funded by Measure L and TAB. Mr. Speer indicated that there were signs bought that had the writing on them for both Measure L Funding and TAB Funding so that funds were not wasted. Mr. Neel asked Ms. Harker to find out How many signs were bought and how much they cost.

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Phil Salvatore – I have a new addition coming to my family. I will be taking off the Monday's after each flex. I don't want to leave the committee. I would like to discuss the Committee changing the meeting to a different night.

Scott Garver – I think we need to find a number cruncher to replace Phil if he decides to leave. With all the new budget codes and the CAFR, I think that the Finance Department needs to come and explain to us the reports and how we can use these reports to get the information that we need for our annual report.

Michael Petersen

Andy Anderson

Eddie Thomas

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Request Presentation/Explanation of 20 MSRL and ML4ST, CAFR from Finance

Update budgetary spreadsheet

Discuss New Meeting Date

NEXT MEETING:

- July 14, 2014

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:03